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HOUSE BILL No. 1800

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Citations Affected: IC 20-20; IC 20-26.

Synopsis: Early education programs. Requires all school corporations to offer full-day kindergarten beginning with the 2007-2008 school year. Requires preschool programs to be coordinated with a step ahead program. Requires the division of professional standards to establish preschool teacher training and certification standards.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
January 26, 2007, reported — Do Pass. Recommended to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
2 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2007]: Sec. 1. (a) A school corporation shall:

4 (1) conduct an educational program for all children who reside
5 within the school corporation in kindergarten (**subject to**
6 **subsection (e)**) and in grades 1 through 12; and

7 (2) provide each preschool child with a disability with an
8 appropriate special education as required under IC 20-35-4-9 only
9 if the general assembly appropriates state funds for preschool
10 special education.

11 (b) A school corporation may:

12 (1) conduct an educational program for adults and children at
13 least fourteen (14) years of age who do not attend a program
14 described in subsection (a);

15 (2) provide instruction in vocational, industrial, or manual
16 training;

17 (3) provide libraries for the schools of the school corporation;

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(4) provide public libraries open and free for the use and benefit of the residents and taxpayers of the school corporation where permitted by law;

(5) provide vacation school and recreational programs;

(6) conduct other educational or other activities as are permitted or required to be performed by law by any school corporation; and

(7) provide a school age child care program that operates during periods when school is in session for students who are enrolled in a half-day kindergarten program.

(c) A school corporation shall develop a written policy that provides for:

(1) the implementation of a school age child care program for children who attend kindergarten through grade 6 that, at a minimum, operates after the school day and may include periods before school is in session or periods when school is not otherwise in session (commonly referred to as a latch key program) and is offered by the school corporation; or

(2) the availability of the school corporation's buildings or parts of the school corporation's buildings to conduct the type of program described in subdivision (1) by a nonprofit organization or a for-profit organization.

(d) The written policy required under subsection (c) must address compliance with certain standards of reasonable care for children served by a child care program offered under subsection (c), including:

(1) requiring the offering entity to acquire a particular amount of liability insurance; and

(2) establishing maximum adult to child ratios governing the overall supervision of the children served.

If a school corporation implements a child care program as described in subsection (c)(1) or enters into a contract with an entity described in subsection (c)(2) to provide a child care program, the school corporation may not assess a fee for the use of the building, and the contract between the school corporation and the entity providing the program must be in writing. However, the school corporation may assess a fee to reimburse the school corporation for providing security, maintenance, utilities, school personnel, or other costs directly attributable to the use of the building for the program. In addition, if a school corporation offers a child care program as described in subsection (c)(1), the school corporation may assess a fee to cover costs attributable to implementing the program.

(e) Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, each school corporation shall offer a full-day kindergarten program in each

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1 school within the school corporation that has kindergarten classes.

2 However, a parent may elect:

3 (1) not to send a child to kindergarten; or

4 (2) to send a child to kindergarten for only a half day.

5 ~~(e)~~ (f) The powers under this section are purposes as well as powers.

6 SECTION 2. IC 20-20-28-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
7 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
8 1, 2007]: Sec. 8. (a) A school corporation that applies to participate
9 in a preschool pilot program described in this chapter and is
10 selected by the department must:

11 (1) have a high concentration of students eligible for the free
12 or reduced price lunch under the national school lunch
13 program; and

14 (2) be located in an urban or a rural area.

15 (b) A preschool pilot program described under this chapter and
16 approved by the department must be coordinated with a step
17 ahead program under IC 12-17-19 and the federal Temporary
18 Assistance for Needy Families program (45 CFR 265), if applicable.

19 (c) The division of professional standards shall establish
20 preschool teacher training and certification standards, including
21 a procedure for preschool teachers to receive from the division a
22 certification to teach.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1800, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

PORTER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 3.

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